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SUBJECT: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: FINAL WRAP-UP
ON ARAB/MOSLEM RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM

REFS: PARIS 27150; CAIRO 9222; JIDDA 6491
PLEASE PASS TO ROY MOREY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, IO

1. FOLLOWING IS FINAL USDEL WRAP-UP ON JERUSALEM ITEM:
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2. OUTCOME OF VOTE AT PLENARY SESSION NOV. 20 ON
PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN JERUSALEM CAME AS
NO SURPRISE. AFTER VOTE IN COMMITTEE (COMMISSION III,
SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES & CULTURE ON NOV. 7), AND
PARTICULARLY AFTER GOI, IN ITS CONFIDENTIAL BI-
LATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH USG ON THIS QUESTION, DISPLAYED
NO FLEXIBILITY, POSSIBILITY OF MODERATING DR WAS, FOR

ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, ELIMINATED. ARABS REMAINED INFLEXIBLE AND MODERATE AFRICANS HAD LITTLE TO WORK WITH.

3. BASIC ELEMENTS OF ANALYSIS OF SITUATION AS REPORTED IN PARIS 27150 OF NOV. 14 AND PREVIOUS CABLES REMAIN VALID AND NEED NOT BE REPEATED HERE. WE WOULD MAKE ONLY SOME SLIGHT ADJUSTMENTS IN OUR ORIGINAL ANALYSIS:

4. AS A RESULT OF FURTHER TALKS WITH ARAB REPS (EGYPTIANS, ALGERIANS, SAUDIS, SYRIANS AND LEBANESE) WE NOW FEEL THAT SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO ADAMANT, UNCOMPROMISING ARAB STAND ON JERUSALEM IS RELIGIOUS (AND POLITICAL) LEADERSHIP OF SAUDI ARABIA WHOSE DEEP FEELINGS ABOUT SANCTITY OF MOSLEM HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM ARE WELL KNOWN. OUR TALKS WITH ABOVE MENTIONED ARAB REPRESENTATIVES BEAR OUT STRONGLY POINTS MADE BY AMBASSADOR EILTS CAIRO 9222 AND JIDDA IN ITS 6491. ALTHOUGH PRESENCE OF PLO REPS IN PARIS AND HARD-DRIVING ALGERIAN PERMREP WERE IMPORTANT FACTORS, THE WELL-KNOWN ATTITUDE OF A FOREMOST ARAB LEADER WHOSE DEPTH AND SINCERITY OF RELIGIOUS CONVICTION IS UNCONTESTED, BY THE ARABS AND BY THE US, WAS IN THE LAST ANALYSIS DECISIVE.

5. IT IS OUR FRANK ASSESSMENT, AS OF THE PRESENT MOMENT, THAT THE MAIN SIGNIFICANCE OF ARAB/MOSLEM RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, THE OPENING SALVO IN AN ARAB CAMPAIGN TO READ ISRAEL OUT OF THE

UNITED NATIONS AND THE UN SYSTEM. ISRAEL MIGHT SINCERELY VIEW PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION AND EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM UNESCO'S EUR REGIONAL GROUP AS PART AND SECRET

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PARCEL OF A CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED ARAB CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. ON THIS POINT PARTICULARLY, USDEL OF OPINION THAT IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT USG OFFICIAL POSITION MAINTAIN CORRECT BALANCE AND PROSPECTIVE. THE ARABS, DESPITE THE POLITICALLY EMOTIONAL AND UNYIELDING NATURE OF THEIR EFFORTS, HAVE GONE ON RECORD IN THE APPROPRIATE UN FORUM -- UNESCO -- TO NOTE THAT THEY WILL TOTALLY OPPOSE ANY CHANGES IN THE CULTURAL CHARACTER OF JERUSALEM.

6. WISH PARTICULARLY HIGHLIGHT FOR ATTENTION OF DEPT., WASHINGTON COMMUNITY, AND ADDRESSEE POSTS MOST CONCERNED, FACT THAT EGYPTIAN AND ALGERIAN PERMREPS, DURING FINAL DEBATE IN PLENARY, WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS

TO REASSURE US AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THAT ARABS WERE NOT TRYING TO OBTAIN THE EXCLUSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNITED NATIONS. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WAKIL, SPEAKING FOR FIRST TIME IN FRENCH FOR MAXIMUM CLARITY, AND NOT IN ARABIC AS HE USUALLY DOES, STRESSED THAT RESOLUTION WAS "PROVISIONAL, PREVENTIVE, AND CONDITIONAL." WAKIL ALSO EMPHASIZED STRONGLY THAT ARAB/MOSLEM RESOLUTION "SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED IN A MANNER WHICH EXTENDS BEYOND THE FRAMEWORK AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNESCO." THIS, IN USDEL VIEW, WAS CLEAR MESSAGE AIMED AT USG. THIS SAME POINT, MADE BY MOST PROMINENT ARAB REPRESENTATIVES IN FULL AND OPEN DEBATE, HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY STRESSED TO USDEL MEMBERS BY ARAB REPS IN CORRIDOR TALKS. WE BELIEVE IT TO BE IN USG INTEREST, TO TAKE ARAB REASSURANCES AT FACE VALUE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS TRENDS AND EVENTS PROVE OTHERWISE. SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT UNITED STATES WAS NEVER ATTACKED DURING LONG AND EMOTIONAL DEBATES.

7. DETERMINATION OF ARABS, IN ABSENCE SOME GOI CONCESSIONS RE JERUSALEM, TO PURSUE THEIR EFFORT WITH FURTHER AND HARSHER RESOLUTIONS, ALONG MODEL WHICH LED TO PORTUGAL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM UNESCO, MUST NONETHELESS BE CONSIDERED A SERIOUS REALITY.

8. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL, PER SE, IS WANING. DEPT.
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SHOULD CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT EFFORT OF AFRICANS TO MODERATE DRAFT RESOLUTION WERE MOTIVATED BY DESIRE PROTECT UNESCO AND DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW AND DO NOT REFLECT ANY SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. US SUPPORT OF M'BOW'S CANDIDACY AND US "YES" VOTE ON BUDGET WERE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN WILLINGNESS OF AFRICANS TO MAKE SUCH A SUSTAINED EFFORT. WEST EUROPEANS SEEM LESS AND LESS INCLINED BECOME INVOLVED, AS INDICATED IN REGIONAL VOTE WHERE THEY REFUSED TO SPEAK.

9. FINAL NOTE ON JERUSALEM IS THAT DR WAS CO-SPONSORED BY MOSLEM COUNTRIES OF ASIA AND THEIR SUPPORT NEVER WAVERED DESPITE OUR BEST EFFORTS. JERUSALEM ISSUE MAY PRE-STAGE OTHER EFFORTS WHICH CAN TAKE ON INCREASED ASPECTS OF RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY. US MAY WELL FIND ITSELF NOT ONLY IN OPPOSITION TO ARABS BUT IN LATER STAGES WITH ENTIRE GROUP OF MOSLEM COUNTRIES.

10. SOVIETS CLEARLY SEE THESE TRENDS AS INCREASING THEIR INFLUENCE WITH ARABS AND OTHER MOSLEM STATES AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY THIS TREND FOR ALL IT IS WORTH. ARAB REPS CONTINUALLY TELL US, IN UTTER

SERIOUSNESS, THEY CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY USG CONTINUES TO ALLOW USSR TO PICK UP SUCH IMPORTANT CREDITS WITH ARAB/MOSLEM BLOC.

11. CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL ISSUE, IT CANNOT BE EMPHASIZED STRONGLY ENOUGH THAT KEY FACT IS THAT ISRAEL HAS NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM EUROPE. FIRST AND FOREMOST IS CONSIDERATION THAT ISRAEL CAN AGAIN APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN 1976 AT THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE; THANKS TO THE PASSAGE OF THE FRENCH RESOLUTION TEXT DEFERRING UNTIL THEN SUCH STATES NOT YET ADMITTED TO REGIONAL GROUPS.

12. MOREOVER, ISRAEL CAN BE INVITED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS TO ATTEND UNESCO EUROPEAN GROUP MEETINGS AS DECIDED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON WHICH SYRIA WILL BE OFFSET BY THE MORE MODERATE INFLUENCE OF TUNISIA AND EGYPT. INDEED AS THERE ARE NOT ANY SUCH MEETINGS PLANNED FOR 1975-76 AT PRESENT, ISRAEL HAS NOT, IN CONCRETE TERMS,
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ACTUALLY BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ANY ACTIVITY. THEY HAVE LOST ONLY, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE RIGHT TO AN AUTOMATIC INVITATION AND ARE NOT EXCLUDED FROM INVITATION SHOULD SUCH MEETINGS BE HELD.

13. WE HAVE RESTRICTED DISTRIBUTION ON THIS CABLE TO KEY POSTS ONLY. SINCE ISSUE WILL BE WITH US FOR SOME TIME, HOWEVER, AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND EXPLANATIONS OF US POSITION MAY BECOME NECESSARY, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS TELEGRAM TO ALL ADDRESSEES WHO RECEIVED PARIS 27150 OF 14 NOV.
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